

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the remarks below.
Claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7, 9-13 and 15-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bowers et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,529,135). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner alleges that Bowers et al. teaches all the features recited in independent claims 1, 9, 18, 23, and 25. For support, the Examiner cites column 4, lines 39-67, column 5, lines 21-40, and column 7, lines 48-67 of Bowers et al. Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Examiner alleges that Bowers et al. at column 18, lines 1-33, teaches a "removable data storage device for storing data relating to the monitored operating conditions and co-located [with] the motor." (Emphasis added.) We respectfully argue that Bowers does not teach both of these aspects of the data storage device. Bowers et al. teaches data transfer to a PDA or similar device that is not co-located with the motor and sensors. Bowers states that the PDA must be brought to the processor on an itinerant basis for downloading or transfer of data (col. 18, lines 11-15). Bowers also discloses non-removable data storage co-located with the motor in the form of SRAM (col. 11, lines 51-67), but this requires data to be downloaded or transferred to other storage devices. The present claims, however, recite data storage devices that are **both** removable from **and** co-located with the motor. These devices require no discretionary downloading or interface cable for data transfer and allow for removal of the storage device without disabling the processor. Applicants submit that Bowers fails to disclose or suggest these features in claim 1 in combination and thus does not anticipate or render obvious claim 1. Further, claims 9, 18,

23, and 25 have been amended to more clearly recite these features and are equally not invalidated by Bowers.

For at least the reasons given above, Applications submit that claims 1, 9, 18, 23, and 25 are patentable over Bowers et al. Dependent claims 2-7, 10-13 and 15-17, 19-22, and 24-25 are also patentable for respectively depending on independent claims distinct from and allowable over Bowers.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowers et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As remarked above, independent claims 1 and 9, 18, 23, and 25 are patentable over Bowers et al. Accordingly, without some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to combine the omitted features of Bowers discussed above with the current independent claims, claims 8 and 14 are also patentable for depending on an allowable base claim.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-25 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

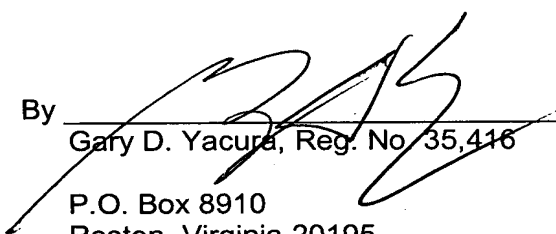
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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